

Literacy B.C. NEWSLETTER

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Call for Nominations to the Literacy B.C. Board of Directors

Elections for the Literacy B.C. Board of Directors will be held in late May and June, by mail.

Please send us names of people you would like to nominate for the 1993-94 elections. The following positions on the Board of Directors are available:

A Regional Representative for each of the following:

New Caledonia	East Kootenay
Northwest	Selkirk
North Island	Camosun
Kwantlen	

There will also be five Member At Large positions. All positions are for a two year term.

The Literacy B.C. Board of Directors meets 4 times each year, usually in Vancouver. All expenses for attending meetings are paid by Literacy B.C.

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings and to be involved in the work of Literacy B.C. on committees and in their communities.

Literacy B.C. wants to have a Board of Directors that includes learners, people from colleges, school districts and community-based programs, libraries, business, labour and other interest groups.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
call 687-5077 or fax 687-5076.

PLEASE HELP US
TO HAVE A
STRONG ORGANIZATION ...

SEND THE
ENCLOSED NOMINATION
FORM BY:

MAY 7, 1993





NOMINATION FORM

1993 Literacy B.C. Board of Directors

I wish to nominate:

1

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Signature _____

I accept the nomination and want my name to stand for election to the 1993-94 Literacy B.C. Board of Directors as:

- ☐ Regional Representative
☐ Member at Large

Signature _____

I wish to nominate:

2

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Signature _____

I accept the nomination and want my name to stand for election to the 1993-94 Literacy B.C. Board of Directors as:

- ☐ Regional Representative
☐ Member at Large

Signature _____



Send this form to: **LITERACY B.C.**
#1128 - 510 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1L8
Phone: 687-5077 Fax: 687-5076



It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Literacy B.C. has been very pleased and excited about the growing number of people who support our organization ... more and more every year!

This year the Membership Committee has set a goal: to increase membership by 10%.

Your continued support is very important.

You can help Literacy B.C. by renewing your membership TODAY and by asking others to take out a membership.

**HELP US TO KEEP BUILDING A STRONG
VOICE FOR LITERACY IN B.C.**

Please mail the enclosed membership form with your membership fee to Literacy B.C. by April 30, 1993.



1993 Provincial Learners Conference

June 15 - 18, 1993

“STEPPING OUT - BUILDING A CIRCLE OF CARING”

Plans for this Conference are going along very well. The planning committee has met twice and worked hard on all the details. Everyone is feeling very excited and really looking forward to this very special event.

The Conference will make sure that everyone has lots of time for sharing, attending workshops, enjoying outdoor activities ... and fun.

There will be workshops on:

- how to feel good about yourself
- learning disabilities
- computers, including lots of displays, demonstrations
- becoming a better student
- build a voice for literacy in B.C.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, call 687-5077 or fax 687-5076.

Just a reminder if you want
to come to the conference:

**THE DEADLINE
FOR SENDING IN
YOUR
APPLICATION
HAS BEEN
EXTENDED
TO**

APRIL 12, 1993

Provincial Learners Conference Planning Committee

We thought you might like to meet the people who are on the Planning Committee. Also, if you are coming to the Conference you will see some familiar faces.



PATRICIA ABE

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PATRICIA ABE is enrolled in basic literacy classes at Cariboo College in Williams Lake. She has been very involved with the learners group, L.I.F.F.E. (Literacy is Freedom for Everyone) and has worked on several literacy projects in her community. She has been involved with the B.C. Book Voyage project and was a presenter at the ABEABC Conference in April 1992. Pat has been an excellent spokesperson for literacy issues and is looking forward to meeting everyone at the conference.



A black and white portrait of a woman with short, curly hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored top. The background is dark and out of focus.

ERNA BARWICH lives in Yarrow, B.C., is married and the mother of six boys. Five of her boys are married so she has ten grandchildren to enjoy. She started literacy in 1989 with the tutor program. After one year, she joined the classroom system at Fraser Valley College, Chilliwack, and wrote her GED in the fall of 1992. "Knowing the struggles I had, I now can give hope and encouragement to others in similar situations."

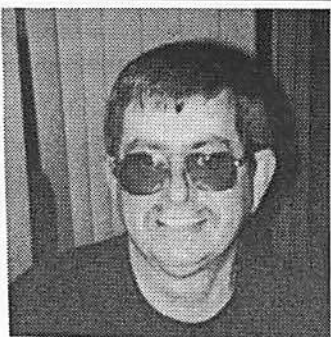
At present, Erna is involved with The Fraser Valley East Literacy Association, local Learner Events and making a float for the Country Living parade to help with literacy awareness in the community. She is also on the Literacy B.C. Board which gives her a great opportunity to apply what she has learned. Erna wishes, "for everyone to come and step out and experience the freedom that is now mine, to build self esteem, self worth and the joy of helping others."

MICHAEL BOOKER is from Victoria, B.C. and has been on the Literacy B.C. board since 1990. He has been the chairman of the Learners Caucus for the past year. Michael attended READ for two terms, then went to work as a cooking and life skills coach at Coastal Community Services (a community re-entry program for young offenders). Michael will return to READ this spring. His goal is to increase his reading level from grade three to grade ten level. Michael says, "I am on the committee because I want to see a learners network and a strong voice for all learners."

LYNN HUNTER has been a literacy instructor at Malaspina College in Nanaimo for nine years. She has been on the board of Literacy B.C. and now is on the board of ABEABC and Literacy Nanaimo. In 1990, she wrote a paper about the struggles of learners when they come back to school. She helped plan the 1990 Provincial Learners Conference and she hopes this Conference will be even bigger and better. Lynn says, "I would like to see learners from all over B.C. build a strong, supportive network. I look forward to getting to know you at the Conference."

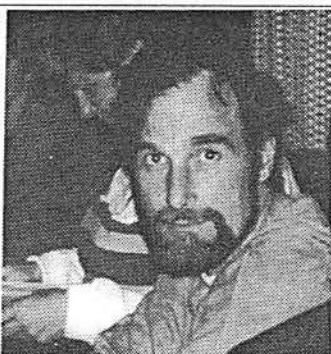
RITA MANDRYK lives in Kelowna and is a learner at Okanagan College. She is the mother of four children and runs a soup and sandwich restaurant. Rita decided to work on this Conference to help see more learners speak out. She says, “Please feel free to ask me any questions at the Conference. I am there to help. I hope this Conference will build up more confidence in the participants.”

Provincial Learners Conference Planning Committee



KEN REICH

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KEN REICH is 48 years old and is from Kelowna, B.C. where he works for B.C. Hydro. He has been in literacy for five years and on the board of Literacy B.C. for three years. Ken went to the National Learners Conference at Candle Lake, Saskatchewan in 1990. Ken is, "interested in the budget and the running of the Conference."



GRANT RICHARDS

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GRANT RICHARDS has been working in the literacy field with Vancouver Community College for the past five years. He teaches part time in a community based class held at the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House. "As a board member of Literacy B.C., I got to know the learners on the board and wanted to be part of the planning for the Provincial Learners Conference. I hope the Conference becomes an annual event."



FERN SENIOR

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FERN SENIOR is the mother of three children. She has been with Literacy B.C. for two years as the North Island Region Representative. Fern took ABE classes at North Island College in Courtenay, where she chaired their learners event for two years. She helped plan and organize CALLS (Community Adults Learning and Literacy Society) in Courtenay. "I am a board member and a voice for learners. I joined the Learners Conference because I want to take part in bringing learners together to share their experience and ideas."



SUSAN SMITH

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SUSAN SMITH is from Vancouver and is new to the literacy field. She was hired as the Conference Coordinator. She taught high school for ten years and then made a career change. Now she organizes conferences and special events. Susan is very interested in learning more about literacy organizations and issues and looks forward to working with the committee. "I hope you have a wonderful time at the conference."

BULLETIN BOARD

LOOKING AT THE LEARNER ... FOR A CHANGE

An International Conference on Adult Education.
Saskatoon Saskatchewan.
April 29-30, 1993.

FOR CONFERENCE INFORMATION CALL:

(306) 966-5539, Fax (306) 966-5567.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE:

**RAISING AWARENESS:
LEARNING DISABILITIES
AND STRATEGIES FOR
INSTRUCTION**

Friday, May 21, 1993
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Douglas College
Royal Avenue & 8th Street
New Westminster, B.C.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL:

Gillies Malnarich @
527-4511.

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WHO WE ARE

Literacy B.C., founded in March 1990, is a coalition of
people and groups concerned with promoting literacy
in B.C.

Our mission is to promote literacy, to support literacy
learners, to develop community partnerships and to
present a united voice on literacy. We are supported by
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